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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The British people are being warned that they had better save their money -- as a means of avoiding inflation. The reduction in the value of the Pound Sterling already is tending to run prices up -- and the more people spend the higher go the prices. So the summons to save, accompanied by a stern warning. If the British people continue their spendthrift ways, the Labor Government says it will drain off the excess cash -- by raising taxes. So, either one starts saving, or the Tax Collector will come around and take the excess that one is likely to spend.

PALESTINE

In Jerusalem tonight thousands of pious Jews emerged from the synagogues at the end of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement -- to find themselves confronted with a call to arms. Everywhere, the walls of buildings were blazoned with posters, calling for a declaration of war against the proposals to internationalize Jerusalem and dedicate the Holy City to the three great religions, Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedism. The posters were of a most inflammatory character. One, for example, says that the internationalization of Jerusalem would mean -- "extinction, torture, the electric chair, exile, Fascism."

The poster campaign was launched by the old extremist groups, Irgun Svai Leumi and the Stern Gang, which waged a war of terrorism against the British. They now threaten a similar campaign of desperado violence against any move to internationalize Jerusalem under the control of the United Nations -- instead of letting the Holy City become the capital of Israel.

STEPINAC

At the United Nations, in Yugoslav circles, it is being said that Archbishop Stepinac may be released from his dungeon - where he has been for three years. Archbishop Stepinac, Roman Catholic Primate of Yugoslavia, was the first of the top ranking victims in the Red drive against Christian churches, both Catholic and Protestant. The Archbishop was convicted in one of those gaudy Communist trials - but since then Tito has broken with his former master, Stalin. He is seeking favors from the West, and may release the Archbishop.

SHIP

Washington asks Moscow - what about that missing ship? The vessel, with American officials aboard, disappeared on September Twentieth - and since then, not a word.

The American merchant ship, Kimball R. Smith, was lent to the government of South Korea, the non-Communist regime in the American zone, and her passengers were economic officials Alfred T. Meschter of Kinderhook, New York, and Albert Willis of Brooklyn. The vessel sailed for a South Korean port, and then, suddenly, the next thing you know - the Communist radio announced that the Kimball R. Smith had arrived in a north Korean port, Communist controlled.

How that happened is not known. Our State Department inquired, but the north Korean Reds refused to give any information.

So now Washington addresses an inquiry direct to Moscow - what happened to our missing ship with our two American officials?

MINTON

In what is really a political comedy, the Senate Judiciary Committee has reversed itself in the case of Judge Sherman Minton, whom President Truman recently nominated for the Supreme Court. Last week, the Committee voted to question Judge Minton personally - with emphasis on the fact that he, as a Senator back in the New Deal days, vigorously supported the attempt of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt to pack the Supreme Court. Today Sherman Minton was in Washington, waiting to appear and be questioned. But the Committee took it all back, cancelled the plans to question the judge, and promptly voted to okay his nomination to the high tribunal. So why the change, the right-about face?

The answer is luminously clear, when we consider a few simple figures. When it decided to question Judge Minton about his attitude toward the Court packing plan, the Committee voted - five to four. Meaning, there were nine Committee members present. But there are twelve members on the full Committee. So some were absent, and they

were administration Democrats. Today, they were back on the job - and that produced a reversal. The nomination now goes to the floor of the Senate, where it seems sure to win prompt approval.

HURRICANE

Right now the howling winds and a deluge of rain are lashing the Galveston-Freeport section of the Coast of Texas. That is the point toward which the hurricane is headed -- the tropical tempest coming out of the Gulf of Mexico. Houston, the Texas capital, is getting it too -- as three hundred and fifty miles of the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana are one huge target for gales up to one hundred and twenty miles an hour. It is a stormy night along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Or as W.C. Fields used to say --

"The night ain't fit for man or beast."

BASEBALL

I think I ought to congratulate my predecessor on this program, the one who substituted for Lowell Thomas a month ago - Branch Rickey, Manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers - who on two consecutive evenings recited the radio news. The Dodgers were then starting down the stretch in the toughest part of the National League pennant race, and Branch Rickey couldn't help saying on this program - that he was hoping. ~~Later on, as things turned out, he must have been a lot less hopeful -~~ when ^The Dodgers appeared to be a long shot. But they came through, and won the pennant.

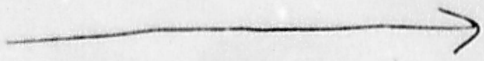
And this program extends all congratulations to its guest a month ago - Branch Rickey of the Dodgers.

SUBSTITUTE CHINA

The procession of the satellites begins in the business of recognizing the Communist Government in China. The Soviets having taken the lead, Red Rumania and Red Bulgaria quickly followed suit, and the other puppets behind the Iron Curtain may be expected to trail along promptly.

The Nationalist Government of China today retorted by severing diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. Which would seem to be meaningless, with Moscow ceasing to recognize the Nationalists as a Government.

In London the word is that Great Britain is inclined to take action in favor of the Chinese Red regime. There is pressure from British commercial interests with investments in China -- huge investments. They seem to think if recognition were extended, it would help to protect their ~~their~~ stake in the far eastern land.

The London Government, we hear, will recognize the Chinese Communists only if the United States agrees. And, in 

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Washington the news is that our Government will do nothing
in the matter without consulting Congress.

PRECEDE RECORDING

Word from the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi, India, indicates that the rescue team going to the aid of Lowell Thomas, injured in Tibet, should have reached Lowell today. They are bringing medical aid and will help him to get out of those remote mountains, where he was seriously hurt. Meanwhile, we have a recorded broadcast that was made as the expedition came in sight of the final obstacle on the way to the holy city of Lhasa.

It is common for cities to be situated on rivers, New York on the Hudson, New Orleans on the Mississippi. Lhasa, the capital of the Dalai Lama, lies on the tributary of one of the greatest and strangest rivers on earth, the mighty Brahmaputra - also one of the least known. So now we have this part of the adventure related in a recorded broadcast by Lowell Thomas, Junior.

End of the recording reads: "Lhasa, the capital of Tibet -- So Long."

FOLLOW RECORDING

That was Lowell Thomas, Junior, telling how they sighted the fabulous river, and tomorrow we'll have a climax of broadcast adventure - the expedition having to cross the Brahmaputra. Distant romance, far away from this radio studio, where Nelson Case now takes the microphone.